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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:)

KO et al.)

Application No: 09/895,566)

Filed: June 29, 2001)

For: SELF-ALIGNED CONTACT)
PROCESS IMPLEMENTING BIAS)
COMPENSATION ETCH ENDPOINT)
DETECTION AND METHODS FOR)
IMPLEMENTING THE SAME)

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this Amendment in response to the Final Office Action dated September 12, 2003 and the Advisory Action mailed on December 9, 2003. The period for response extends to January 12, 2004, with a one-month extension of time. Please enter the following remarks in the above-identified patent application:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.